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Anthony "Scott" Kingswan takes a break to pose with his Dad and brother, Tony and Joe Kingswan, as a team member of C&J Fabrication out of Madison.
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Ho-Chunk Nation Swears in New Gaming Commissioner

Submitted by Michelle Ramberg, Public Relations Specialist
Vice President Greg Blackdeer served as the master of ceremony for the swearing in of the newest Gaming Commissioner Mr. Joseph E. Decorah in the atrium at the tribal office building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Honorable Jo Deen Lowe swore Joseph into office. The opening prayer was offered by Gordon Thunder and Andrew Blackhawk Post #129 assisted the ceremony with posting the colors.
The main purpose of the Gaming Commission and a person serving as a Commissioner is to protect and defend the safety and integrity of gaming within the Ho-Chunk Nation. The commission also serves as an independent regulatory authority charged with oversight and enforcement of gaming regulatory matters under the Nation's Law. This also includes providing training to licensed employees, to ensure that licensed employees actions are in conformance with IGRA, and Tribal/

State Gaming Compacts, and other gaming regulatory matters under the Nation's law.
"I am very excited to begin this new opportunity to serve as a Gaming Commissioner, by utilizing my resources, past experiences and furthering my education" stated Decorah. As of April 4, 2012 Joseph has worked for the Ho-Chunk Nation for a total of 20 years, of these 20 years 17 have been in the gaming industry in several different capacities. They include dealing cards, floor person, pit boss, shift supervisor, table games trainer, and executive management. His extensive knowledge into many of the table games and carnival games such as blackjack, craps, roulette, and poker has given him the opportunity to teach these games to incoming table games employees but also assisting by writing and reviewing manuals for the gaming facilities.
His post education is in the field of Business Management, which has also aided him as owner of two



Honorable Jo Deen Lowe swearing in Joseph E. Decorah.

previous businesses. He has many interests that include spending time with family, sports; such as bowling,

softball, and golf. Decorah will serve as a Gaming Commissioner until his term expires June 30, 2015.



Newly sworn in Gaming Commissioner Joseph E. Decorah proudly stands next his son Jaret, and his parents Florine and Don Johnson.

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The Ho-Chunk Nation hosts Great Lakes Intertribal Council meeting

Submitted by President Jon Greendeer

It was expressed at an earlier meeting of the Great Lakes Intertribal Council that the organization was perhaps due to revisit their mission statement and have a discussion on the direction they wish to move toward in the upcoming years. Typically, GLITC meets at least quarterly on a multitude of agenda items with the understanding that their 501(c)(3) designation precludes them from taking any action that may be regarded as political activity. The Ho-Chunk Nation hosted this meeting on April 19, 2012 to discuss how the organization could be more effective at the state level with respect to their nonprofit status.

Each tribal representative present brought much to the

table with regard to the topic. The board acknowledged several issues, past, present and future underway in the state that have both direct and indirect effect on the tribes. The body understands that GLITC needs to be more engaged, in place, and more pressure on the state to increase the quality of consultation practices. Board members noted several instances where major decisions were made at the state level without tribal input.

One suggestion that was made was for the organization to develop a budget for review which would allow board members to meet on a monthly basis. Along with that motion came the desire to explore establishing a Tribal Embassy and Resource Center in our state’s capitol. The initial vision entails in

office staff by a manager and assistant with appropriate intertribal decor. The office would hold a conference room at which discussions may be held regarding state and tribal issues that affect one another. The board believes this physical structure would be a place all tribal members could call “home turf” and state lawmakers and executive personnel may call a place of learning.

Although in concept, it may appear lofty, the financial discussions around creating the embassy depicted several areas where cost sharing, in-kind contributions [from the state] and utilization of gaming revenue dollars generated by compact payments could lay the financial framework for which the development could begin.

Regardless of how far the pursuit of the embassy



concepts goes, Great Lakes Intertribal Council has set a course to ensure the state has more engagement with the tribes including seeking language in the law mandating consultation with the necessary “teeth” to

ensure proper compliance. The next meeting of the organization is scheduled to take place at the Mole Lake Conference Center in Crandon, WI on May 10, 2012.

To the Editor:

I would not want my son or anyone to go through what I have went through and still go through. I lived in Black River Falls so I know the struggles of addiction in the native community.

Addiction

I wake in a cold sweat inside my cell at a Federal Prison, as I open my eyes there is a dark creature staring at me with white hollow eyes and skinny k-9s. I wipe my eyes thinking there is another inmate in my cell with me, as my eyes clear I can see that there is no inmate but a creature that looks like it was sent here from the underworld. My heart starts to pound in my chest and I think to myself, this must be a dream and it will pass I close my eyes and drift off back to sleep.

Two or three hours must have passed when my eyes fly open again as I look around it is still there eyes glowing staring right at me. There is nowhere to run and no way to escape this beast.

I gather courage and ask, “What is your name and where did you come from?” Its breathing grows heavy and this creature that I am looking at lets out a low growl that sounds like a hundred wolves but it does not speak. I slide my shank (knife) from my pillow thinking that by the presence of this thing, it is unlikely that I could it anyway if I decided to attack. So I just sit there waiting for some kind of response watching this beast watch me.

The creature lifts its head let out a wicked laugh, my skin crawls but I don’t show any fear. He turns his head and speaks in a voice so low I had to ask, “What did you say?” “You’re lucky” and then lets out a low laugh and goes on to say, “your friend that was with you the night of your arrest was not so lucky as he was killed by police during your traffic stop.” “You see I have that affect on people. Some people get lucky, like you my friend, you see you only got a 15 year prison sentence. Like the way I helped you out with that? Your friend however, (ha ha laughs the beast) I took his

life.”

I feel my skin crawl, sweat runs down my face as the anger, sadness and depression all floods my body at once. I want to yell, cry and punch this creature as I am becoming overwhelmed with emotion. The beast smiles and lets out a low demented laugh and continues to speak. “You and your friend were actually doing good in life but I could not allow that to continue.”

Confused I asked, “Who are you?” the creature stands up looks down on me with those hollow white eyes and said, “My friend I would have thought that you would know me well by now, since I have been responsible for the destruction in your life. However since you don’t know I will tell you, I am the master of deception I am also the master of destruction.” The beast lets out a low laugh, “I seek, find and destroy I also have many faces my goal is to destroy the world.”

“Now my friend I would love to sit here and talk longer with you but I must move on to my next victim.” The creature turns toward me before walking out of my cell and whispers, “Don’t worry I will be back for you.” he turns and walks out of my cell. I get up to watch him leave still wondering what he is.

I looked out my cell and saw an old man then my friend that was killed during my traffic stop and an old woman. I watched this beast change shapes and faces of every race, as it reached the end of the hall he was a young boy. The boy without turning around asked, “Now do you want to know my name?” Yes I said the little boy stops turns around with his head down and it appears that he is crying. He looked up at me with tears running down his face and said. “My name is addiction nice to meet you.” The little boy that is staring back at me with tears running down his face was me at the age of 13. I tried to say something and he turns and fades away.

I look back in my cell where this beast was sitting and there was a line of meth on my desk I walk over to snort it and it too fades away as I hear

a wicked laugh from the beast whose name is addiction.

In writing this story I was thinking about the youth however addiction does not pick and choose who it affects. Drugs and addiction destroys lives, family and communities. The events that was mentioned in this story are true. The passenger in my car was high on meth and came at the police with a knife so the officer was forced to shoot him. He died at the scene. His addiction cost him his life.

Me I am serving 15 years Federal Prison sentence due to my addiction to

meth and the lifestyle that came with it. I am a felon and I had a loaded gun in my car and I was high on meth.

My message for the youth, if you think it is cool to do drugs well it’s NOT and the end results is NEVER good. If someone tells you anything different it is a LIE.

Don’t let drugs and addiction get you too. Stay drug free for yourself, your family and your community. You owe it to yourself.

*Robert Hastings
Federal Correctional Inst.*

Greetings tribal members,

I wanted to update you on my work during the past few weeks, which have taken me to Milwaukee, Washington, D.C, and back to Black River Falls. On April 14, 2012 the Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center had a capital fund raiser with a silent auction. I was fortunate enough to out bid a number of attendees for the 2012 Red Shawl.

In attendance was former Governor Tommy Thompson, who graciously provided opening remarks. (pictured below)



Also to report is the survey results provided by you (the people), I received phone calls and thank you all for them and also the people who participated on Facebook. Remember this list is ever changing as the need is identified by you, the people, and your comments.

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*Thanks so much
Ci nak hira kara*

HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM

Overwhelmed! Confused! Concerned!

Stop in and see us at either Ho-Chunk Health Care Center or House of Wellness. We assist Ho-Chunk members and other Native American enrolled members. You *may be* eligible for the following programs:

• Medicaid Program

• BadgerCare Programs

• Wisconsin Well Woman’s Program

• Disability

• Social Security Program

• Express Enrollment-Pregnancy

• BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults-**Waitlist**

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HO-CHUNK NATION SHELTER PROVIDERS NEEDED

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services Shelter is open for referrals and emergency housing for those affected by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. We are looking for Shelter providers to assist as needed with day, overnight and weekend coverage at the Shelter. The hours vary from Sunday – Saturday....

Qualifications:

• 18 years old

• Submit Shelter provider application

• Sign service provider contract

• Complete background check (Mandatory)

• Proof of valid driver license/insurance (Mandatory)

• Able to attend free trainings

• Able to shadow Shelter Advocate for 4 hours prior to beginning

• Shelter Provider stipends are available

Any questions please call:

Domestic Violence Program:

Black River Falls- 715-284-2622 x 5101 or x 5135

House of Wellness- 888-552-7889 x5623

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be May 11th which will be published on May 18th. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

It's not worth it!

Being a cool parent could cost you...
Your house, car, boat, AND retirement savings!

As a parent, you cannot give alcohol to your teen's friends under the age of 21 under any circumstance, even in your own home or with their parent's permission. You cannot knowingly allow a person under 21, other than your own child, to remain in your home or on your property while consuming or possessing alcohol.

Breaking the law can lead to fines and/or jail time. The risk falls on YOU!

A Parent's Role at a Teenage Party

➤ Set rules ahead of time with your teen, like a start and end time for the party. Determine which rooms are off limits.

➤ Make yourself visible during the party by providing snacks and meeting the guests.

➤ No one who leaves the party should be allowed to return.

➤ Choose an area of your home where supervision will be most practical and where arrivals and departures can be monitored.

➤ Invite another couple to keep you company and for support in case of a problem.

PARENTS WHO HOST LOSE THE MOST

Don't be a party to teenage drinking. It's against the law.

➤ Call parents of any teen who arrives in possession of alcohol or under the influence. If you can't get in touch with the parents, keep the teen there or call the police if necessary.

➤ Secure all forms of alcohol, firearms, prescription drugs and other potentially hazardous items in your home in a safe place.

➤ When your teenager attends a party, contact the parents of the host to verify the party, confirm parental supervision, and affirm that alcohol and other drugs will not be allowed.

Information provided to you by La Crosse County Youthful Offender Prevention Initiative
Rita Von Haden, JAG Project Coordinator, CESA #4

A Night of Remembrance

Join us in honoring Survivors of Cancer and in the remembrance of those that have gone on.

Friday, May 25, 2012

Powwow Grounds

Black River Falls

5 pm ~ Meal

4pm-6pm ~ Luminary Sales

6pm-7pm ~ Drum-Program

7pm-10pm ~ Walk & DJ

We Remember You In The Living

Contact Linda DeLay @ 715-284-9851 Ext. 5329 to register individually or your team.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Cancer Task Force is not responsible for accidents and all children under 12 years of age attending this event need to be supervised by an adult. Thank you for your cooperation.

This event is sponsored by the Wisconsin Native American Tobacco Network

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Fire used as a management tool for our land

Hocak Worak Staff

Take a look back to when we use to have open meadows, prairies, wetlands and woodlands. Remember the old John Wayne movies, Little House on the Prairie, or Tonto? Those shows give good illustration to the different landscapes that use to exist but due to growing populations, today, these areas are often overrun with shrubs and trees reducing the amount of natural vegetation to grow.

Taking a look back before the arrival of Europeans we used fire to manage and take care of the lands we occupied. Nelson Smith, HCN DNR Lands Supervisor made mention that Indians would often use fire as a management strategy. He said, “Burning a prairie would prevent trees growing into the prairie and turning it into a forest (providing habitat for food, animals and certain food plants). Burning a forest understory might clear out the brush to make hunting and travelling easier and perhaps promote the growth of certain desired plant species.”

Generally speaking, before the arrival of Europeans to the continent, wildfires here were higher frequency and lower intensity. Smith said, “Fuels would accumulate on the ground and often lightning strikes would ignite this fuel and would burn at relatively low heat along the forest

floor.”

“The Europeans brought with them different ideologies regarding fire and land management. They sought to suppress wildfires in order to protect personal property. Also, catastrophic fires such as the Pestigo Fire (1871) among others, solidified the policy that wildfire was a danger and needed to be suppressed,” said Smith.

Smith also noted that, “As fires were suppressed during this era, the fuels that would previously have been burned began to accumulate instead (such as undergrowth, dead trees, and branches left behind by loggers). These fuels would often accumulate for decades. So now, many places have accumulated high amounts of fuel. When these fuels inevitably ignite, by lightning or by human hand, the fire burns much hotter than in the past. These fires can burn so hot that the forest canopy can ignite into what is often called a “crown fire” or “canopy fire.” These types of fires were likely very rare before the arrival of Europeans.”

With that being said, on April 11, the Ho-Chunk Nation Lands Department conducted a controlled burn at the Nation’s Parmenter Property, located on County Road D just west of Melrose, Wisconsin. The controlled burn was part of a Natural Resources Conservation Services grant to restore native prairie grasses (otherwise known as warm season grasses).

A.J. Mann, of the Lands Department said, “We want to help the prairie season grasses to surpass the cool season grasses. We have an eight man team but could have gotten by with four; the bare minimum for a burn of this size at



The leeward perimeter side is lit to prevent cross heat/smoke conditions.

Parmenter Property.”

The team has two Polaris Rangers that haul one hundred gallon tanks of water each, and a Type 7 fire truck. Out of seven different fire truck types (one being the largest and seven being the smallest), the HCN has one of the smaller versions, which holds two hundred and fifty gallon tanks of water to help control the fire. Mann said, “The truck is our main vehicle which we purchased from the Necedah Wildlife Refuge for a good price. We do a lot of inter-agency work which is helpful.” Not too long ago, the HCN DNR department auctioned off an antique, type 2 fire truck which used to be located at the White Otter property but no one used it.

As the year changes from summer, to fall, to winter, and then to spring, different plants sprout and grow at different times of the year, so the burn helps burn off the cool season grasses which will shade out the warm (later season) grasses to help promote the warm season grasses to grow. The burns also help reduce the trees from approaching onto the prairie preventing it from becoming a forest.

The burn is done by burning into (or toward) the wind, which is called a back burn. Mann said, “We want a slow and low burn. If we started on the other side and let the wind blow the fire, it would burn fast. It may not burn thoroughly and would be more likely to burn out of control. A back burn gives us more control.”

The fire is started with a drip torch that contains a three to one diesel mix. Mann said, “Those (drip torches) are good. We used to have to use LP tanks. The first year of the grant we seeded the area. The second year, we cut around the perimeter. And this year, we are doing the burn.” The leeward corner is where the fire is started. Followed by the leeward perimeter, so there is no cross smoke/heat on the workers on that side. Next, the opposite perimeter is lit. The fire is lit in a row on the edges of the perimeter and sporadically throughout the area. Once the edges

and rows are lit and the fire has burnt through, workers with drip torches walk back through to hit spots that didn’t ignite.

Other burns that have taken place this year have been at the White Otter location located in Juneau County, right outside of Lyndon Station. It is also a wetland mitigation area that was replaced due to the building of the WI Dells White Tail Crossing many years ago. The gas station was built on a wetland area and the acres used needed to be replaced elsewhere which was placed at the White Otter location.

Another recent burn was

at the Rockland property, bordering between LaCrosse County and Monroe County. The Shaw property, located in Monroe County was also a property burned using the controlled burn technique.

Each place was chosen because of the habitat management and those places could use the fire. They try to burn each property every 2-3 years. One of the bonuses to controlled burning is that the fire returns nutrients back to the soil and reduces the amount of pesticides that are sometimes needed to control invasive plants.



Controlled burn starts with a few drops of fire from a Drip Torch that contains a 3:1 diesel mix.



The fire is spread throughout the burn area, while burning into the wind for a more thorough burn.



The burn line is lit as workers guide the fire into the wind and the middle row of the burn area is lit next.



Water and tools prevent the fire from going wild.



The fire is allowed to meet in the middle of the burn area.



Patch burn of the segment that didn’t ignite.

WIEA 2012: “Weaving Our Way to a Stronger Future”

Tracy Pecore
Editor

After one year of planning, the Wisconsin Indian Education Association's (WIEA) annual conference took place on April 4-5, 2012 at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells Hotel and Convention Center.

The Ho-Chunk Nation was one of the main sponsors for this year's conference and lead by one of our very own Ho-Chunk tribal members who was elected to be on the WIEA board last April, Barbara Mackenzie, who also took on a lot of work to make this year's WIEA conference a success. You did a Great job Barb, and also to all those who also helped (behind the scenes), to make this year's conference successful. In passing her on the escalators, I asked if she was stressed. The comment was yes, so I immediately said, “Good... then you know you're doing a good job.”

“Other years, other tribes take the lead, depending on what region hosts it. Regardless of whose turn it is, Ho-Chunk Nation has a history of generosity with its contributions for this conference,” said Mackenzie. Adrienne Thunder, HCN Executive Director of Education also noted that the HCN Legislature provided a generous donation, and



Keynote Speaker, Dr. Amy Lonetree.

the HCN Department of Education provided in-kind support and staff.

With several regions around the state, each region takes a turn hosting the conference. “As a board, we try to spend our money at Native-owned venues as much as possible. This year, the largest Native-owned venue in our region was Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells,” said Mackenzie.

One extraordinarily helpful organization to WIEA has been CREATE: “Culturally Responsive Education for All: Training and Enhancement.” CREATE is a statewide system-change initiative designed to eradicate the achievement gap amongst diverse student populations and eliminate race as a predicting factor of participation in special education. “Their partnership has assisted WIEA greatly in being able to host a quality conference the past few years by registering many people involved in tribal language and cultural preservation as well as special education,” said Mackenzie. She also noted, “They've assisted with transportation, lodging, conference registration and paid for some of the presenters when they can. They also helped recruit some amazing presenters, like Don Thornton—who developed the Hocak language apps for Nintendo DS and iTunes Store in conjunction with our own Hocak Language Division.”

The conference break-out sessions were on a wide variety of interesting topics, affecting students from K-12, Higher Education, Special Education, Early Childhood and other spheres of Education. With over 250 people attending the conference, “I had hoped for more, simply because this conference needs more people to learn about these topics in education,” said Mackenzie.



Approximately 30 youth from Black River Falls attended this year's WIEA conference, along with many other youth from WI. After being broken into smaller groups, they discuss different life skills and learn how to sew moccasins.

She also said, “Amazingly, even though we expanded the speakers' time to 90 minutes, many of the comments said that the 90 minutes was still not long enough.”

Many of the WIEA board members were presenters this year. “It was a personal goal, and the planning committee was able to cover the volunteer duties well enough, to be able to afford the board some freedom to enjoy the conference. WIEA members—especially board members, as a general characteristic, are hard-working and high achieving Native professional educators. I wanted everyone to have a great conference experience,” said Mackenzie.

Keynote speakers were Dr. Amy Lonetree and Dr. Michelle Pidgeon, who both offered some fantastic insights into their fields of study. Dr. Lonetree talked about how we need to be active as Native citizens in making sure our perspective is told through educational sources and places like museums. Dr. Pidgeon shared that Indigeneity is reinforced and transmitted by ensuring certain supports, such as family and community structures, are available for Native students.

Special guest, William Mendoza, Deputy Director for the White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities, spoke on the educational policy for Native American students and how we need to help Washington D.C. understand the needs of Native students to succeed. “Mr. Mendoza made it clear that he is seeking to help tribes (the “non-powerhouse tribes”—like Navajo Nation) get the support and assistance they need and to do it in as fair and equitable way possible. Given the diversity of tribes served by the Departments of Education and Interior, and their different sets of circumstances, his task is monumental,” said Thunder.

Mendoza asked, “Who has the loudest voice and biggest numbers? How can we create a better place for all of us and be able to address things strategically?” He said, “There are huge issues in Indian Country but we also have huge opportunities. Tribal leaders have the ultimate role to ensure what's prioritized. Tribal leaders have the voice; they have the seat at the head table while others can only go so far. We know our communities best. We need to be communicating those issues, whether it's locally or through conferences, or writing to the local congressman. Initiatives come and go. Utilize everyone's talent!”

In closing, Medoza said, “Ask those you trust, what things mean, do your research. Congress won't act unless you push it, and



President Greendeer honors WIEA's Guest of Honor William Mendoza, who has been appointed to direct the Whitehouse Initiative on Education for American and Alaska Natives.



Ho-Chunk tribal members Gale White and Jerod Stacy deciding on what breakout session to attend next.

same goes for the President; if he don't hear it from us (midwest/great lakes areas), he'll only hear it from other states. Share our knowledge with them because it's critical. Without our voice, they can't connect the dots and move forward.”

Barbara Mackenzie would like to thank the many people and organizations that helped make this year's conference a success. She said, “We appreciate the generous contributions of everyone at Ho-Chunk Gaming—WI Dells Hotel and Convention Center. Everyone did a wonderful job! Special thanks to Brian Decorah, Cindy Lonetree, Joey, Tim, Chef

Joseph, Tom Clark, Janice, AV Jon, casino IT and a host of other employees and volunteers who helped make a wonderful conference!”

Next year the conference will be hosted by the central region which includes Price, Taylor, Lincoln, Clark, Marathon, Wood, Portage, Shawano, and Waupaca counties. This means Stockbridge-Munsee, Ho-Chunk—Nekoosa, Neillsville, Wittenberg, Stevens Point and Wausau communities will be hosting. UW-Stevens Point has already committed to assisting next year's event. More will come on board as their planning committee gets rolling.

ATTENTION ANNUAL ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORMS

Greetings Ho-Chunks!

The Annual Address Verification Forms will be sent out in the beginning of June 2012 in anticipation of the upcoming Fiscal Year 2013 Per Capita Distributions. Your current address of record is used when sending this form to you. If you have moved, please submit a change of address to The Office of Tribal Enrollment prior to May 25th so that you will receive your Address Verification Form without delay. The U.S. Postal Service is instructed to return any mail to our office, if not deliverable to your address of record, which includes all forwarding orders filed with your local Post Office.

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Wittenberg youth visit two Ivy League schools



(L-R): Erica White Eagle, Lucy Vargas, Navada White Wing, Summer Roth and the three of them finally sitting for a picture perfect pose.

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

Wittenberg Youth Services sent three Ho-Chunk youth to visit Harvard and Yale Universities. Nicole Oknewski, Youth Services Teacher, said, “During a staff meeting in September of 2010, we were discussing ways to get youth more interested in going to college, or obtaining a plan of action of what is available for them after high school. Our Spring Break Ivy League tour was the outcome.”

Raising over \$5,000, Wittenberg Youth Services was ready for the trip out East. They held several fundraisers during the school year to reach their goal. Oknewski said, “We probably held about ten fundraisers, surpassing our goal.”

Oknewski said, “We had more than three students interested but some couldn’t make the trip.” The students were given certain goals to meet and obtain in order to attend. They had to write a short essay on why they believe higher education would be beneficial to them. They also had to have a teacher write a recommendation letter for them, similar to the ones they write for students who are applying to college.

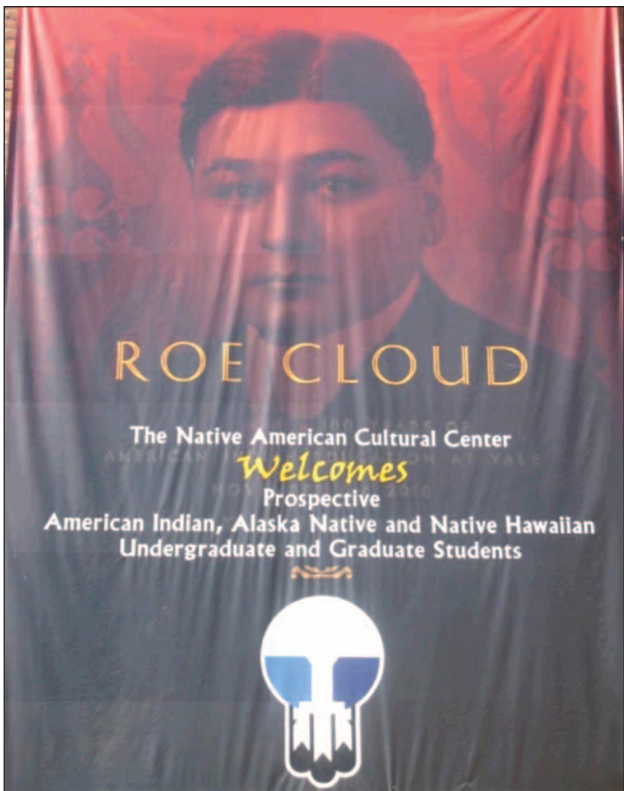
The students that experienced the trip out east were Freshman’s Erica WhiteEagle, Navada WhiteWing, and eighth grader Summer Roth. The staff that went were Lucy Vargas, Home School Coordinator; Kathy LaMere, Youth Coordinator; Rachel Dozer, Intern; and Nicole Oknewski, Youth Services Teacher.

Making the long haul in a minivan (with the help from the Tomah area), their first stop was to Nedrow, New York to drop off some computers to the Onondaga Nation. Oknewski said, “We received 12 computer donations from IT through Heather Cloud to donate to the Onondaga Nation.”

It was on to Harvard University next. Upon their arrival, they meet with Jason Packineau, the Community Coordinator, Recruitment and Outreach Advisor for Harvard’s Native American Program. She let them know that Harvard was first built as an Indian College in 1655 and the group was able to visit the site of the bi-yearly dig to the old Indian College.

Oknewski made a good observation and great advice to our Ho-Chunk youth getting ready to graduate high school and make their way into the real world. She said, “One thing that stood out the most to me is the application process that Jason had demonstrated for the youth, he broke it down to anyone trying to get into a university or college should apply to several safety schools- schools that they know they can get into and has the area of study they want to obtain or if undecided a school that has good transfer rates to other schools. Then they should apply to higher rated schools, schools that seem to be just at fingertip reach. Finally throw some applications to your dream schools. But make sure when you’re applying to your schools that they are okay with you applying to other schools. Jason also recommended that high school students get out there in the summer and attend colleges or universities that have summer programming for them.” Schools look for such programs as summer programming on a student’s application and see them as signs of great study skills.

The Ho-Chunk Nation has brief but significant ties to Harvard University. Dr. Josephine White Eagle



Future college graduates witness first-hand, the first Native American to graduate from Yale- Henry Roe Cloud.

earned her master’s degree from the Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, and doctoral degree in Education where she later taught in the School of Education.

After their visit to Harvard, on to Yale University they went. There, they met with Theodore Van Alst, Assistance Dean of Yale University and Director of the Native American Program. “Everyone seemed to like Yale the best. Both places had exceptional history of the American Indian Programs. Yale’s first native student to graduate from their program was Henry Roe Cloud, and for those who don’t know, he is a Ho-Chunk/Winnebago.” Oknewski continued, “We toured the library made out of marble, ate lunch in the hall, and saw a Glee like project to get the youth interested in attending there. We also ate some incredible seafood in New Haven.”

Yale and Harvard are highly selective and competitive in the admission process. Each school receives about 35,000 student applications. Harvard accepts about 6% of those who apply, while Yale accepts about 8%. Oknewski reports, “Both Universities offer exceptional assistance to tribally enrolled youth for tuition, boarding, and meals. Yale has a program for families whose income is under \$65,000; they will cover everything for you.”

After the school visits were completed, the group took a road trip to Niagara Falls, New York and also checked out the Seneca Casino. In conclusion, “The trip was a great success. It brought staff and youth closer together and helped build a better relationship. Youth saw an opportunity they can reach and achieve. The three youth are currently working on maintaining their grades. Some youth would like to go visit Duke and other colleges that have high levels of sports competition. Personally, I believe we have widened their goals and dreams,” said Oknewski and, “We would like to thank all of our sponsors and those who donated. You all made the trip a great success. Hopefully, we can continue and make this a new tradition.”



Harvard crest, Plaque for old Indian college at Harvard, and a visit to Niagara Falls from NY side.

“Summer Youth Employment Program”

(14-17 years old HCN enrolled)
Application Process 2012

We will start taking applications beginning April 30, 2012 with a closing date of May 11, 2012.

All HCN enrolled tribal youth (14-17 yrs.) have the opportunity to apply. Applications will be considered on a first come, first serve basis. The SYEP is limited to 50 applicants for 2012.

*****Incomplete applications will not be accepted! (Work permit and proof of HCN Tribal Enrollment must be attached to the Application.)**

******* The worksite must be approved by the Department of Labor. (Youth not are allowed to work where immediate family members are employed.)

In order to complete an application, the youth must submit the following required forms in order to be considered for the SYEP. If you were on Ho-Chunk Nation SYEP previously, you will only need to complete a med-screening (including tax), application, and applicant approval forms.

1. **Med-screening Form** required-must be complete with signatures.
2. **Application** – completed, signed and dated by the Youth and Parent/Guardian.
3. **Work Permit** – if required by the state in which you reside-new applicants only.
4. **Proof of HCN Tribal Enrollment**
5. **Labor Applicant Approval Request Form** - must be approved by the Compliance Division.

The Department of Labor applications will be date stamped to verify when received with all required information. It will be the youth’s responsibility to contact the Department of Labor to verify if their application is received.

If you are 14-17 years old and have questions, contact **Elva Brown**, in the Department of Labor at (800)294-9343 or (715)284-5877 at Ext. 1162.

For (Non-Ho-Chunk) enrolled youth age 14-17, contact **Melissa Johnson**, Federal Program CaseManager, to see if your family meets the 477 income guidelines. **Note: as funds allows.*

120 yard high hurdle record set 50 years ago

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

It was May 30, 1962 when Jeremy Rockman set the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Class B High School 120 yard high hurdles state record in Hartford, Wisconsin for D.C. Everest High School. 1980 was the last year the WIAA held the 120 yard high hurdles; they changed to 110 meter high hurdles. Rockman's record can never be broken.

Rockman participated in track his sophomore, junior, and senior years of high school. As a junior, he came in eighth place at state in the 120 yard high hurdles. It was then he told his coach, "I'm going to come back here and win this race next year." The coach replied, "That's a lofty goal." Rockman trained to achieve the perfect form and technique. Rockman said, "Whatever work (needs to be done); I'll do it. Track taught me positive goal orientation and to be detail specific." Rockman firmly believes "if you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything."

Rockman remembers the event as the culmination of five months of concentrated

effort to win. Rockman said, "doing stretching exercises, such as the hurdle seat toe touching, back stretches, lead leg and trail leg stretches on a high hurdle, some young boys came by and one raised the question: 'Who do you think will win this race?' And one replied, 'I don't know, but I think that Indian in the green and white uniform will win the race.' I said to myself, 'I sure hope you're right.'" The event was held on a cinder track. Rockman said, "(cinder) from grandfather fireplace." In remembering the event, he said, "I exploded out of the blocks with my lead right leg stretching out with body lean, with my left arm counter balancing as the left trailing leg leveled out. My toes turned upward to ensure level trailing and tension for snap down. Those actions of lean snap stride were replicated ten times while hearing the trailing pack hitting hurdles and cursing behind me until I crossed the finish line in a now state record of fifteen seconds flat."

At trophy presentation time, Rockman wore a sweatshirt, his letterman jacket decorated with his numerous medals from previous meets and invitational's, a silk scarf tied around his neck, and an Air Force beret to keep heat on his head. He said, "There was a girl who was the track queen, and she would give the winners a peck on the cheek. I went up to get my trophy when they announced my name. There were three thousand plus people in attendance. I received a standing ovation." In retrospect, Rockman remembers the standing ovation as something he earned and worked hard for.

Rockman remembers a reporter from the Wausau Daily Record Herald once referred to him as "that



Jeremy Rockman and his D.C. Everest High School track teammates. Rockman holds the WIAA 120 yard high hurdles Class B state record.

smooth striding high hurdler from D.C. Everest." He also played 48 minutes of offense and defense on D.C. Everest High School's undefeated football team. He said, "We were ranked #4 in the state." Rock man continues, "I had to deal with racism. I joined football so I could legitimately hit someone."

Rockman has been doing whatever work needs to be done, being goal oriented, and detail specific in all the hurdles in his life experiences. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and is a Vietnam Veteran. Rockman said, "If you're slow, you're dead meat. You have to be sharp and be able to act instantly. Reaction time is important when you're dealing with automatic weapons, like AK-47s, SKS rifles, or Chi-com grenades. You have to think like a warrior; don't let things creep up on you."

In terms of higher

education, Rockman jumped each hurdle and earned a doctoral degree in Education. He is one of only? Ho-Chunk males to earn a doctoral degree. He likens making the grade in college to a foot race. Rockman said, "You have to get up, shower, eat, walk to buildings, then you're in the game. If you're late, you miss out. They might say something and if you're not there, you have to rely on others memories or notes. You have to be alert. In earning a doctoral degree, you have to know how to write. Otherwise, you'll end up petitioning for a little bit more time. It takes seven years. Doers do. Eventually, your confidence grows to be unshakable."

Today, Rockman still does road work. He said, "You have to keep on moving. A lot of thirty to fifty year old tribal members are dying. If you keep moving,

the 'disease-giver' will not catch up to you. I remember elders used to talk about the 'disease-giver.' And for me, I find I can think with a higher degree of clarity when out on a walk/run."

I asked Rockman what words he'd share with young, budding, tribal members in track; he said, "Your lungs are your best asset." He continued, "If you look at the Ho-Chunks pictured in the photos displayed in the atrium, there were no fat Ho-Chunks. I remember reading Time magazine, in 1981, they have a section called *People Around the World* and this Indian guy, who was older and just finished the equivalent of the Boston Marathon. He said was 'In order to live, one must walk. In order to live long, one must run.' The lungs are the fireplace of a person's body. Ragora, e roar pechokerera ne hanina.



Jeremy Rockman's state track record trophy

Highway 54 Clean up for Earth Day



For Earth Day 2012 the following employees picked up trash along HWY 54. Eli Weber, Jerod Stacy, Nelson Smith, Rita Kingswan, Muggs Garvin, Dana Pettibone, Terry Lujan, Carole Bedeau, Karen Green, Collin Price, Patrick Hall and Michelle Ramberg.

Submitted by Michelle Ramberg, Public Relations Specialist

In honor of Earth Day a few Ho-Chunk Nation employees made a collaborated effort to clean along Highway 54 as this is the part of the Adopt a Highway program. The group of twelve split into groups and walked both sides of Highway 54. This is the second year that Office of the President has coordinated this effort through the Adopt a highway program and plans to keep this as an annual event.

The Adopt a Highway program was created to remind members of the community to refrain from littering and to keep the Wisconsin Highways clean and beautiful. The area that

was covered began just before the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Court Building to County Road K just before the pow-wow grounds in Black River Falls.

"It is amazing how much trash we were able to pick up, as we were just here this past winter; I really wish more people would make an effort to take the time to properly throw their trash away," stated Carole Bedeau, Executive Secretary.

The twelve members of the cleaning team were; Eli Weber, Patrick Hall, Karen Green, Rita Kingswan, Muggs Garvin, Carole Bedeau, Dana Pettibone, Terry Lujan, Collin Price, Nelson Smith, Jerod Stacy and Michelle Ramberg.

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Three Rivers Powwow another success

Tracy Pecore, Editor

For those itchin’ for a powwow before the summer begins, the 36th annual La Crosse Three Rivers Traditional Pow-wow kicked off on April 14-15, 2012. Another successful year! The news forecasted thunderstorms all weekend but luckily the rain held out until late Saturday night.

This year’s schedule of events involved exhibition dancing for each age group and various category contests (sponsored by the committee), a moccasin tournament, and a lot of good singing with twelve drum groups present (Bear Heart, Little Thunder, Wazi Jaci, Wisconsin Dells, Lake Delton, Niiwo Giizhik, Southern Boyz, Str8 Across, Cumberland, Winnebago Sons, Eagle Feather, and Cloud Boy), to help make the weekend fly by with superman speed.

A grand total of 197 dancers came and went throughout the weekend. Reps. Andrea Estebo and Heather Cloud were even out there scrubbin’. Chief Winneshiek participated all weekend too. Veteran to the emcee world, Chris “Hayna” Grezlik kept the jokes rolling in and everyone up to speed at each session. Although, he called me by my maiden name, that’s okay because I’m proud to be a Cloud!

Great job to Head Dancers Jonathan Whitebear and Angie Hindsley, you two did an awesome job and it was good to see you in the arena almost every song. I don’t know how you did it, but when it

came down to picking a winner take all (especially for all of the juniors and teens lined up), there was a lot of smiles and hooting and hollering for the winners. Congratulations to all those that took home the bragging rights and enjoyed a little extra winnings to spend elsewhere.

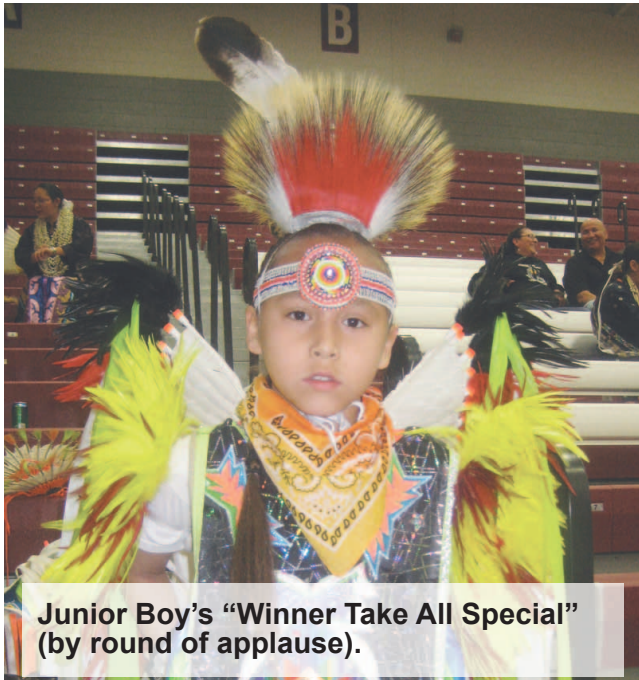
Another good job to the Arena Director, Paul Cloud, who exhibited respect by putting on a men’s traditional special, a category he too dances. Congratulations to Hank Funmaker for winning that one.

For those that brought in a non-perishable food item received free admission to help benefit the UW LaCrosse food pantry. There were an estimated 10 boxes that were donated to the food pantry this year, thanks to those that remembered. Great job! Many thanks also goes to the vendors who contributed to the raffle table as well.

Congratulations to the top three moccasin tournament winners. There were five teams but there was only payment for the top three. First Place went to Straight Shot with Levi Winneshiek, Adam Kruse, James Blackdeer, and Lohman Cloud. Second Place went to Shoot ‘em-n-boot ‘em with John Stacy, Forrest McKee, Cory Funmaker, and Jeremy King. Third Place went to Thunderbirds with Cody Winneshiek, Quentin Winneshiek, Bobby Bird, and Victor Bird. Good luck to next year’s participants if they have it again.



Men’s Winner Take All Special (by round of applause), went to David Cleveland.



Junior Boy’s “Winner Take All Special” (by round of applause).



Men’s “Winner Take All” Line-up.



Junior Girl’s “Winner Take All Special” (by round of applause), went to 10 year old Mya Estebo. Also pictured is her mom, Rep. Andrea Estebo.



Women’s “Winner Take All” Line-up.



Teen Girl’s Winner (by round of applause), went to Katelyn Bird. Teen Boy’s Winner went to her brother Victor Bird (not pictured).



“Hank” Funmaker poses for the Hocak Worak and winner of the Paul Cloud Men’s traditional special.



Women’s “Winner Take All Special” (by round of applause), went to Danielle Benton, who also won the Head Woman Dance Special.

April is Autism Awareness Month

The following information is from autismspeaks.org:
Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and autism are both general terms for a group of complex disorders of brain development. These disorders are characterized, in varying degrees, by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication and repetitive behaviors. They include autistic disorder, Rett syndrome, childhood disintegrative disorder, pervasive developmental disorder-not otherwise specified (PDD-NOS) and Asperger syndrome. ASD can be associated with intellectual disability, difficulties in motor coordination and attention and physical health issues such as sleep and gastrointestinal disturbances. Some persons with ASD excel in visual

skills, music, math and art. Autism appears to have its roots in very early brain development. However, the most obvious signs of autism and symptoms of autism tend to emerge between 2 and 3 years of age.
Autism statistics from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) identify around 1 in 88 American children as on the autism spectrum—a ten-fold increase in prevalence in 40 years. Careful research shows that this increase is only partly explained by improved diagnosis and awareness. Studies also show that autism is three to four times more common among boys than girls. An estimated 1 out of 54 boys and 1 in 252 girls are diagnosed with autism in the United States.

By way of comparison, this is more children than are affected by diabetes, AIDS, cancer, cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis, muscular dystrophy or Down syndrome, combined. ASD affects over 2 million individuals in the U.S. and tens of millions worldwide. Moreover, government autism statistics suggest that prevalence rates have increased 10 to 17 percent annually in recent years. There is no established explanation for this continuing increase, although improved diagnosis and environmental influences are two reasons often considered.
Each individual with autism is unique. Many of those on the autism spectrum have exceptional abilities in visual skills, music and academic skills. About 40

percent have average to above average intellectual abilities. Indeed, many persons on the spectrum take deserved pride in their distinctive abilities and “atypical” ways of viewing the world. Others with autism have significant disability and are unable to live independently. About 25 percent of individuals with ASD are nonverbal but can learn to communicate using other means.
What should I do if I suspect something is wrong with my child?
At this time, the Ho-Chunk Nation does not provide direct services for autism or evaluation. Talk with your doctor, if you have concerns, and then contact:
Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council’s Children with Special Health Care Needs/

Community Care Project (Birth To 21)
<http://www.glitc.org/web-content/pages/cwshcnp.html>
Wisconsin Department of Health Resource Centers
<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/children/resourcecenters/>
Wisconsin Autism www.wiautism.com
Wisconsin’s Birth to 3 Program
www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/children/birthto3/index.htm
and get your child screened for autism. Also, parents should contact their local school district in writing, requesting an observation for potential special needs services.

Diabetes Mother Earth

Submitted by
Amber Cleveland - Student
Amber Cleveland, full time student; daughter of the late Jerry Cleveland Jr. and Lisa Ewack originally from Baraboo area, is enrolled at United Tribes Technical College. One of the classes Amber Cleveland is enrolled in is Diabetes and Mother Earth. The purpose of the class is to increase awareness relating to Type 2 Diabetes and the impacts the disease makes on Native American people and communities. Native Americans have a higher incidence of Type 2 diabetes than other groups. About one quarter of Ho-

Chunk Nation members have been diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes in Wisconsin. Diabetes Mother Earth class is designed so students learn the facts about land tenure, water and plants in relationship to connecting to hunting and gathering food to health.
“When you remember that Indigenous people were actively involved in gathering, preserving and fresh cooking food of all forms only three generations ago, this knowledge can help us make better choices related to “Moving More and Eating Smarter!” today, says, Cleveland. “We know there are lots of creative ideas

offered to families to prevent Type2 diabetes through tribal programs. As students, we want to help build Healthy Nations by sharing our knowledge after we graduate.” Amber’s favorite lesson was to properly read food labels and that the Food Pyramid is now called My Plate. She further states that she would encourage others to enroll in the vocation.
Amber Cleveland has made several changes in her lifestyle because of the class and states “I think of it as a gift I received. I will use the information personally and professionally.” For information about the class or

the United Tribes Technical College Nutrition and Foodservice Diabetes Mother Earth classes offered on campus or on-line go to www.uttc.edu.
The UTTC Nutrition and Foodservice vocation is celebrating 11 years with UTTC. The vocational training focuses on food selection, food preparation and preservation, food safety and overall wellness. The vocation is aligned with the UTTC Land Grants Programs which carry the messages of mental, physical, emotional and spiritual health across the UTTC campus and into the communities they serve.



For more information, contact Amber Cleveland at 715-214-9958, or send a letter to 4205 Montreal Street, Apt. 103, Bismarck, ND 58503.

CHILDRENS TRUST FUND TASK FORCE UPDATE

On August 23, 2011 Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature approved the **Trust and Investment Committee and Organization Act**. The Ho-Chunk Trust and Investment Committee was established as a committee responsible for the oversight of the Nations investments, including investments on behalf of minors and legally incompetent members, employer retirement plan funds (401 k), and any other investments made by the Nation for the Nations long and short term portfolios. The Committee members, who will report directly to Legislature, have been approved pending background checks.
The Committee will serve the Legislature in a fiduciary capacity for the Legislature. What exactly is a fiduciary capacity? This is where one person places complete

confidence in another in regard to a particular transaction or one’s general affairs or business. The relationship is not necessarily formally or legally established as in a declaration of trust, but can be one of moral or personal responsibility, due to the training and responsibilities given to the fiduciary on behalf of another person or entity. Within the Nation this means that the Committee will serve on behalf of the Legislature and will work with the best interests of the Nation in mind. The Committee will review and monitor all investment activity and make recommendations to the Legislature, who will have the authority to make final decisions.
The Committee will be responsible for creating their by-laws which will then need to be approved by Legislature.

The Committee will be responsible for overseeing the Nation’s investments and making recommendations to the Legislature. This will include setting the investment strategy, including allowable investments, asset allocation, risk assessments, and benchmarks for measuring investment performance. They will be reviewing and revising the Investment Policy Statements on an annual basis for accuracy, setting the rules and guidelines for the investments. They will be monitoring the performance of all third-party financial professionals and reviewing such performance at least annually. They will be modifying the third-party financial professionals’ duties and recommending removal to the Legislature, if necessary. They will also be adopting a policy for socially responsible investing and ensuring that

third-party financial advisors are complying with this.
The Trust and Investment Committee will create a system of checks and balances to insure that the Nation’s investments are being handled in the best possible manner. This is a huge stride forward in protecting the Nation.
Another step forward, is the updating and posting of the Investment Officer position within the Treasury department. This position will review and monitor all investment activity and will report to and keep the Treasurer up to date on all of the daily investment activity. This position is currently posted on the Nation’s website and will remain open until May 5. Some of the qualifications include:
• Must have a Master’s degree in Finance, Accounting or related fields of Business or Economics

- Must have five (5) years of experience working with investments
- Must have CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) designation
- Prefer investment experience that includes investment research, quantitative analysis, and performance measurement
- Must be familiar with standard investment concepts, strategies, principles, and practices

Outside vendors will report to both the Investment Officer and the Committee. The Investment Officer will report to the Treasurer who will then report to the President. The Committee will report to the Legislature with all information ultimately being reported to the Nation’s membership.
These much needed changes are great advances for the Nation and its members.

Office of Tribal Government Relations' Central Region Conference

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

The United States Department of Veterans Affairs has a new branch of its organization, the Office of Tribal Government Relations, which is designed to serve American Indian veterans and their families. The new office will work closely with tribal governments to assist with information regarding veteran services. It will share briefings and information for tribal leaders, and network with tribes. With its main office in Washington D.C., the Office of Tribal Government Relations has regional offices serving four regions: Central, East, Southwest, and West.

Stephanie Birdwell, Director of the Office of Tribal Government Relations, said, "The Office of Tribal Government Relations was created in January 2011, and your Central Region Specialist, Peter Vicaire, came on board in September 2011. This is our first meeting with the Central Region tribes. I'd like to thank tribal leaders and thank you veterans for your service and sacrifice. Our office wants to increase access, develop economic sustainability, and usher tribal consultation."

5-May 5. The Office of Tribal Government Relations has a busy April as they met with each region to gather input and comments.

On April 17 & 18, the Office of Tribal Government Relations held its first conference with the Central Region at Mystic Lake Convention Center in Prior Lake, Minnesota. The conference was jammed pack with information on everything the Veterans Affairs offers in term of service and programs. Vicaire said, "provide information right from the decision makers. I want you to be able to talk to the person who can help you and cut out the middle man. I want you to have direct contact information. We work directly with the three components the Department of Veterans Affairs: Veterans Benefits Administration, Veterans Health Administration, and National Cemetery Administration."

American Indian and Alaska Native are one percent of the United States population, but have the highest rate of service per capita among minority groups. There are five hundred and sixty-six federally recognized

Obama issued a Memorandum to federal agencies to direct them to adopt "detailed plans of action". On April 4, 2011, the Department of Veterans Affairs' Secretary Eric Shinseki, signed the Tribal Consultation Policy. Birdwell emphasized, "this policy can be amended."

The Veterans Health Administration was at the Central Region Conference to talk about the Health Care, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Mental Health. VA Health Care has begun online training regarding eligibility and enrollment. The WebX Trainings will be hosted on April 25th at 10 am and 2 pm, with an additional training on May 3 also at 10 am and 2 pm. The VA Center wants all veterans to be enrolled for services through their 1010EZ Portal on their website: www.ebenefits.va.gov. Benefits vary based on Service Connected degree of disability rating. One conference participant made the point that "Indians didn't go to sick call" due to growing up on isolated reservations with limited health care options. Once enrolled, veterans are assigned a Priority Group number from 1 (the highest level) to 8. Priority Group number also determines if you'll have additional payment for services. Coverage is also income based. Each veteran receives a Personal Handbook that let them know their group, coverage and individual information. According to Nate Nez, Wisconsin VA Tribal Coordinator, each county and tribe in Wisconsin have a local VA office.

The Veterans Benefit Administration presented information on GI Bill, Native American Direct Loan, HUD Grants, Veterans in Piping, Veterans Upward Bound. Education benefits for veterans began in 1985 with the Montgomery GI Bill. Today, veteran education benefits include Post 9/11 GI Bill with various side programs. The Transfer of Entitlement allows veterans to transfer benefits to their spouse or children. The Yellow Ribbon Program covers the cost of tuition and fees are higher cost schools. Work-Study and Educational & Vocational Counseling Programs are also available for veterans who are attending college. Veterans Upward Bound Programs help veterans improve their



Peter Vicaire, Office of Tribal Government Relations Central Region Specialist, and Stephanie Birdwell, Director of the Office of Tribal Government Relations, are meeting with Tribal Leaders, Veterans, and Veteran Service Officers at Mystic Lake Convention Center.

academic skills and help them enroll in post secondary education programs. Veterans Upward Bound is limited to first generation college students and low-income individuals.

Veterans Affairs has a Home Loan Guaranty Program for up to a maximum of \$417,000, with 3% interest rates on 30, 15, and other negotiable terms. The closing costs are minimal, and require hazard insurance. To gain flexibility on credit standards, Direct Loan Benefits can work with tribal governments to free up funds, increase economic stimulus and community development, loans are assumable. A MOU must be signed by the VA and participating tribes.

Several tribes in the Central Region have used HUD Grants to build Tribal Permanent Supportive Housing Projects for veterans; White Earth, Fond du Lac Band, Red Lake, and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa to name a few. The supportive housing is for single head-of-household families who are homeless, residing in settlers, facing eviction, leaving institutional settings, or living in abandoned housing without running water or electricity. The VA

also has grants available for Specially Adapted Housing. Grants are for wheel chair accessibility, blindness, and other disabilities modification up to \$63,780. The disability must be service connected.

The National Cemetery Administration talked about Veteran Cemeteries on Tribal Lands. The NCA assists with military burials at national cemeteries or VA funded state cemeteries. They can provide headstones, Presidential Memorial Certificates, Bronze Medallions for headstones, and grants for tribally operated veteran cemeteries. Public Law 109-461 addresses cultural difference encounter with tribal veteran cemeteries. The VA covers 100% of development costs, and can provide operating equipment. The tribe must own the property.

The Office of Tribal Government Relations is a direct result of Executive Order 13175 and President Obama's Memo to adopt a detailed action plan throughout federal agencies. The office is available and wants to address any concerns in veteran services. Birdwell said, "We want to bring the VA to Indian Communities."



Native Color Guard Presents the Colors at the Office of Tribal Government Relations First Central Region Conference.

The biggest effort currently being worked on by the Office of Tribal Government Relations is updating an existing Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Veterans Affairs and Indian Health Service. The MOU was signed in 2003 and was revised in 2010. Birdwell said, "I know you to know there are different parts of the MOU that include Pharmacy, Behavioral Health, and other areas. The MOU will address reimbursement for direct care at VA Centers and IHS Centers." The MOU is open for comments from April

tribes in the US. In 2000, President Bill Clinton signed Executive Order 13175 regarding Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments. Executive Order 13175 was signed "in order to establish regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials in the development of Federal policies that have tribal implications, to strengthen the United States government-to-government relationships with Indian tribes, and to reduce the imposition of unfunded mandates upon Indian tribes." In 2009, President Barack

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Maurine Price-Waddington
Maurine Katherine (Lewis) Price-Waddington, age 40 of Willard, Wisconsin, passed away on April 6, 2012 at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire, WI with her family at her side. She was born on June 14, 1971 to Sid Lewis and Nona J. Bailey in Neillsville, Wisconsin.

Maurine attended the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Elementary School, the Duluth Cathedral High School, and graduated from River Falls High School. Following high school, she worked for the Ho-Chunk Casino in Baraboo in various managerial capacities, then, was employed in service, software, and accounting with several businesses in Madison, WI. She served as research intern in the Native Americans into Medicine Program at the University of Minnesota-Duluth

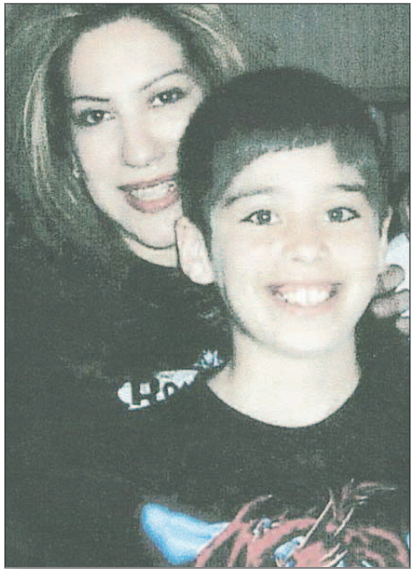
She married Michael Price of Baraboo in 1996. To this union, a son, Jared Price (16), was born. Jared is a junior in the Baraboo High School and a member of basketball and track teams.


As a young child, Maurine attended the LCO Ojibwe Elementary School on the Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation near Hayward, WI. Her mother Nona was a teacher in the tribal school. While there, Maurine was immersed in the Ojibwe Indian culture and language. She learned about the Ojibwe drum and about protocol at pow wow gatherings. Early on, she sang behind the LCO Badger Drum group and participated in numerous pow wow celebrations. While at Duluth Cathedral High School, she performed as "Lisa" with "Royal Badness," a theatrical lip-sync song group who conducted all the music of Prince and the Revolution in 1984-1985. Their performances drew critical rave reviews and to sell-out audiences in northern Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Maurine was a member of the Wisconsin Ho-Chunk Nation and from the Bear Clan. Her great aunt, Tillie (Stacy) Buker of Willard, was her "grandmother." Jen Tieman of Willard, chaplain with the Christian Motorcycle Association, gave her supportive care and divine guidance in her final hours. Stacy and Lowe relatives also provided support in her final days at the hospital.

Maurine is survived by her parents, Sid Lewis and Nona Bailey; her son, Jared Price; two sisters, Melissa Lewis-Raymond, Mary Elizabeth Lewis-Raymond, and two brothers, Aaron Bailey, and Andrew Bailey, and; her aunt Dr. Susan Delaney.

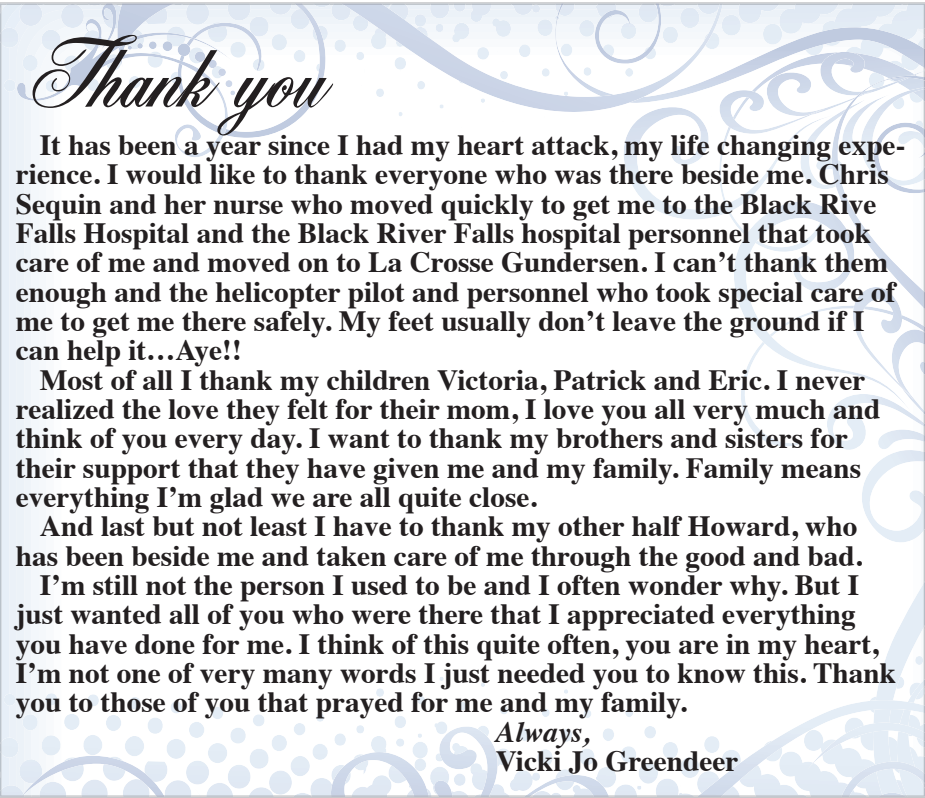
A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, at the Gesche Funeral Home in Neillsville (4 South Grand Avenue) preceded with a viewing at 1:00 p.m. The family expresses their appreciation to the Ho-Chunk Nation Government and Health Care Center who have provided professional and technical support. Also, appreciation is given to the staff and doctors at the Sacred Heart Hospital Critical Care Unit.





The Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Veterans Affairs wishes to thank the following individuals and Ho-Chunk Nation departments and the US Department of Veterans Affairs programs for their hard work in the planning and organizing of Vietnam Veterans Day 2012. We apologize if we have not listed your name. The staff of the Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Veterans Affairs is thankful for your assistance and hard work.

Jim Northrup - Keynote Speaker and Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran, Mario DeSanctis - Guest Speaker and Air Force Veteran, Ralph Snake - Air Force Vietnam Veteran, Doug Greengrass - Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran, Andrew Thundercloud - Navy Vietnam Veteran, Bob Low - Army Vietnam Veteran, Robert Bird -Army Vietnam era veteran, Wilfrid Cleveland - Army Vietnam Veteran, Wilbert Cleveland, Norman Snake - Navy Veteran, Lance Long - emcee, Tracy Littlejohn - HP Cultural Resources, Rachel Montana - Lifestyle Balance Program, Sandra Winneshiek - Army Vietnam era veteran, Sheila Stout - Veterans Affairs Secretary, President Jon Greendeer, Vice President Greg Blackdeer, Colin Price - Ho-Chunk Nation Public Relations Officer, Michelle Ramberg - Ho-Chunk Nation Public Relations Specialist, Suzette La Mere, Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 and the Ladies Auxiliary Unit, Mitchell Redcloud Jr Marine Detachment of BRF, Robert Thoen - La Crosse Vets Center, Clelia Taylor - Women Veterans Program, US Department of Veterans Affairs, Jacob Mason - Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist/Mental Health Service, US Department of Veterans Affairs, Nate Nez - Tribal Service Coordinator, State of WI Dept of Veterans Affairs, Lani Blackdeer and the staff of Majestic Pines Hotel, Gloria Ward and the staff of HCG-BRF Bingo, Tris Harris and the staff of HCG-BRF Marketing, Sophina Stout, Olive Morgan.



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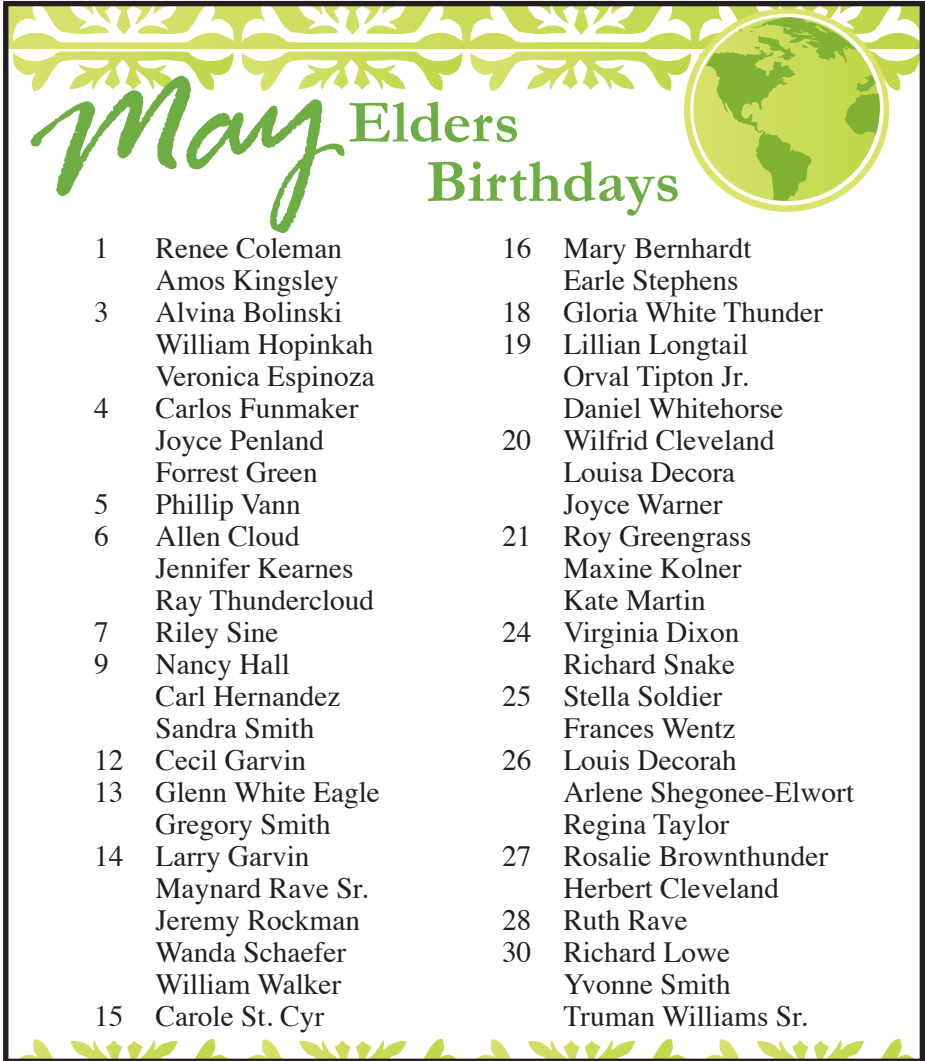
It has been a year since I had my heart attack, my life changing experience. I would like to thank everyone who was there beside me. Chris Sequin and her nurse who moved quickly to get me to the Black Rive Falls Hospital and the Black River Falls hospital personnel that took care of me and moved on to La Crosse Gundersen. I can't thank them enough and the helicopter pilot and personnel who took special care of me to get me there safely. My feet usually don't leave the ground if I can help it...Aye!!

Most of all I thank my children Victoria, Patrick and Eric. I never realized the love they felt for their mom, I love you all very much and think of you every day. I want to thank my brothers and sisters for their support that they have given me and my family. Family means everything I'm glad we are all quite close.

And last but not least I have to thank my other half Howard, who has been beside me and taken care of me through the good and bad.

I'm still not the person I used to be and I often wonder why. But I just wanted all of you who were there that I appreciated everything you have done for me. I think of this quite often, you are in my heart, I'm not one of very many words I just needed you to know this. Thank you to those of you that prayed for me and my family.

Always,
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15	Carole St. Cyr		Truman Williams Sr.

Racing season is here: Future Rookie of the year?

Tracy Pecore, Editor

Anthony “Scott” Kingswan, currently working with the maintenance department at Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison, where he also resides, loves the sport of racing. On his free time he races with the American Speed Association (ASA) in Madison, WI.

Born and raised pretty much in Madison, but living for a brief period in Black River Falls, Scott’s father is Tony Kingswan (who also drag raced at Union Grove back in the day), and his mother is Elaine Kingswan. His earliest childhood memories and fondest times were going to the local races with his father, which he said, “that seemed like “our” thing to do.” But, at age 14, when his parents divorced, he lost that part in his life. As any normal teenager, other things were happening in his life and he turned to using alcohol and battled that all the way up to three and half years ago.

Kingswan said, “Now that I’m sober and all of these opportunities have come up, all of my old friends and relationships have come back into my life, stronger because of my sobriety, and because of new opportunities working with the racetrack.”

Kingswan first became acquainted with the ASA over three years ago when he was asked to be the individual that would talk to them about promoting the casino at the racetrack. He became the spokesman on behalf of HCG Madison. But for the last year, he has been involved with the race team personally on his own time.

Originally, Kingswan was trying to get a sponsorship deal for a friend but everywhere he went they said if he was the owner or the driver, or a bigger percentage of the team, they would possibly be interested but they didn’t allocate funds for non-participants. He was eventually told and given the suggestion that, “Why don’t you try it, you know so much about the sport, you’ve worked around it for so long.” With some limited background with driving a few legends cars and some go carts, Kingswan began a new journey in life and set a goal, possibly to become rookie of the year.

He did approach the Ho-Chunk Nation and they seemed very receptive about it and have been walking him through the process and the steps needed to do it on his own. They said, “We’d like you to do this on your own and see what happens.” Kingswan said it has progressed quite fast.

Prior to Kingswan working with the C&J Fabrication team, they have won every championship in the truck series since that division was first created. Kingswan feels very fortunate to be surrounded with and involved with some very accomplished racers, “Probably the best in the Midwest,” he said. Chad Wood, owner of C&J Fabrication and Joe Wood who owns Pathfinder Chassies, are the team owners. Scott also noted they have a lot of the track champions or big winners in the area that have their cars



“The four guys who have been the back bone of my effort.” (L-R) Andy Thompson - Crew Chief, John Wood - Clock, Chad Wood - Owner of the truck, and Joe Kingswan - Scott’s brother.

in and out of their shops, or have been built there and maintained by them.

The Vice President, Steve Einhaus, of the American Speed Association has also been quite instrumental and has been helping Scott with presenting his proposal to the HCN. He also held a banquet with the Baraboo facility in hopes to show already a return on investment for the tribe if they do get involved.

Kingswan wanted to stress that part of the package is a “race for diversity program” which was created in his case. He made mention that part of that sponsorship money will go to the ASA and in turn they are going to market the HCN casinos and try to promote us the best way possible (especially through handouts to those entering the speedway). They would also like to promote the HCN Daxu coffee, to be the coffee of ASA, to help push our water and get that out into the public. They would like to get an interest from the HCN to involve our tribal members as much as they can.

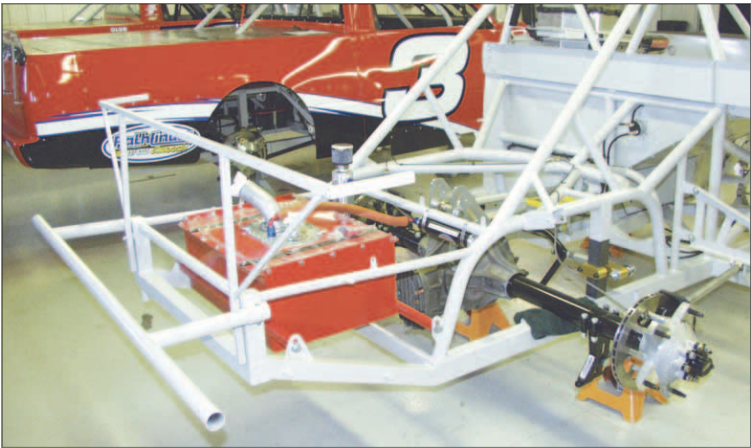
With the racing season upon us, it’s time for Scott to get into normal rotation while still working fulltime at the casino. Currently, he will be racing on the weekends. So far this year, he has done a couple go cart races. He made his way to the Sugar River Raceway about a month ago and there were 54 entrants. Although he didn’t place in the top 10, he finished 32nd. He said, “These are kids that have won go-cart championships, track championships, and have plenty more experience than me. I think I did pretty well every time I went out there and I improved.”

The first time getting into a race, Kingswan said he didn’t feel nervous getting out there but felt excited about it. He said, “I learned that it was a different go cart every single time I raced and each time I improved. It took a lot to get used to because the track was pretty rough and bounced you around all over. After doing the half mile road course my body felt pretty sore the next day too.”

When he’s not driving the



The racing truck.



Guts of the truck prior to being fully built.

truck his teammate drives it and he weighs in at 170 pounds. Currently, Scott is weighing in at 213 pounds. He would like to lose weight to get down to a weight that matches his teammate. To do so, he works out physically and sits on the race simulator at home and runs about 500 laps a night; with the heat on, in his driving suit, and with his helmet and gloves on so he gets used to that. He does that for approximately 2-3 hours per night. He said, “Every pound is critical.” The more he loses the more they can put weight in desired places of the truck, which would be low and to the left to help the truck handle better.

The race team itself is going to field six trucks out of the C&J Fabrication garage, three of his teammates who have all been previous champions which he said “puts a little pressure on him, but is also an advantage” because he has such experienced and knowledgeable people who can help him only improve.

In the meantime, he is focusing on test driving when he has time and if weather permits. He has also been helping with the building of the trucks. Within the

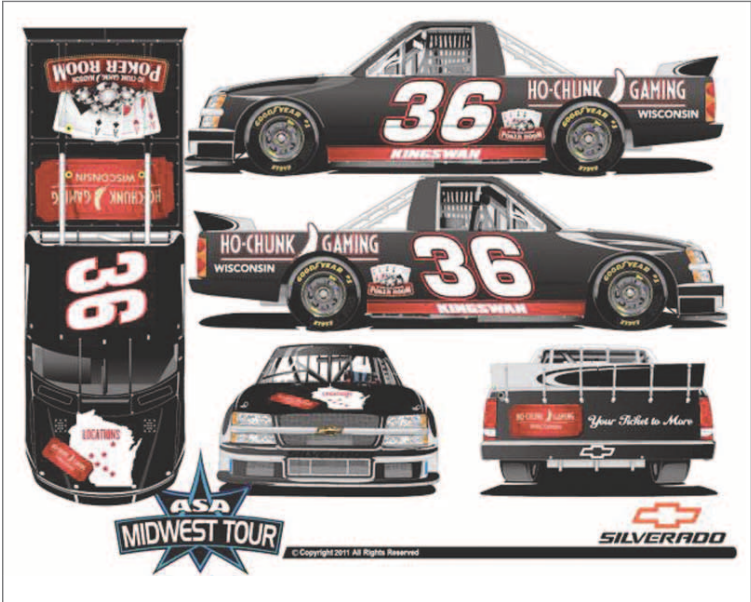
past year, he’s already spent an easy \$11,000 out of his own pocket for computer programming for a race simulator at home, helmet, suit, racing shoes, gloves, radio, stuff to make him comfy in the truck (seat, steering column).

Inspiration shared with Scott was, “It’s a great inspiration for our tribal members, to show you can battle back from alcoholism and make something of your life.” I think that too. Keep up the great work Scott and congratulations to your sobriety.

One quote that Scott follows is “I can conquer the world with one hand if only you would hold the other.” He has a lot of people he would like to thank and especially all those that have been by his side making his dream become a reality. Just to name a few, his dad and brother Tony and Joe Kingswan, Carol Lastrup who has given him a lot of advice and guidance, John Holst and Dave Abangan, the C&J Fabrication team, and Steven Einhaus for believing in him when nobody else would. “Pinagigi!”



(L-R) Scott Kingswan, Tony Kingswan, and Joe Kingswan.



Mock-up illustration if they recieve backing from the Ho-Chunk Nation.